

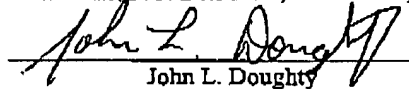
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Title:	Method and apparatus for sub-	)		
	network devices without direct	)		
	layer-2 communication and	)		
	coupled to a common	)		
	forwarding agent interface to	)		
	communicate through layer-3	)		

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## AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2005, having a response due by March 29, 2006. A request for an extension of time is enclosed. Thus, this Response is timely filed. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.